(a) what is the minimum percentage of gross agricultural production which Government spend every year for the purpose of research and development related work for agricultural development and extension in the country;

(b) the details of said expenditure during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that various Committees have recommended at least one per cent expenditure for this purpose;

(d) if so, the name of those Committees; and

(e) what action Government have taken for the implementation of those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) The percentage of Agricultural Gross Domestic Product being spent by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education on Agricultural Research, Education and Extension activities is approximately 0.3%.

(b) The details of amount spent during the last three years is as under :

(Rs. in lakh)

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Plan	455.00	516.04	668.95
Non-Plan	790.64	703.64	618.85
TOTAL :	1245.64	1219.68	1287.80

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Ninth-Plan Working Group on Agricultural Research and Education constituted by the Planning Commission has recommended to spend atleast one per cent of Agricultural Gross Domestic Product on Agricultural Research, Education and Extension. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture and the Tenth Plan Working Group on Agricultural Research and Education have also reiterated the same. The Department is persistently pursuing the matter with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance for higher allocation.

Central Dairy Research Institute in Karnal

†3731. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether calves are born at Central Dairy Research Institute, Karnal;

(b) if so, the number of he-calves/she-calves born every year;

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(c) whether these calves are sold for meat by weight; and

(d) if so, their average annual number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Year-wise number of he-calves and she-calves born in cattle and buffaloes during 2000—2002 are given below :

Year		He-calves (Number)	She-calves (Number)
2000	(a) Cattle	178	182
	(b) Buffaloes	76	75
2001	(a) Cattle	157	174
	(b) Buffaloes	71	51
2002	(a) Cattle	184	163
	(b) Buffaloes	47	48

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

NCC recommendation for ban on cow slaughter

†3732. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

SHRI LAJPAT RAI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission on Cattle had recommended to put a ban on cow slaughter in the country;

(b) if so, when did Government receive Commission's report;

(c) the effective measures taken by Government to implement the recommendation for putting a ban on cow slaughter after receiving the report; and

(d) by when Government propose to introduce the bill regarding banning of cow slaughter in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government received Commission's report on 31st July, 2002.

(c) An Expert Group has been constituted to examine the recommendations of the Commission and suggest measures for its implementation.

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